ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಈ token estimate ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ಇದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ದ್ದಮೇಲೆ ಪುನಃ ಇದನ್ನೇಕೆ extend ಮಾಡಿದಿರಿ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—On 15th September 1952 I brought it to your notice; not now.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ತಾವು extension ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಾಲ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—For a period of five years, and we have given that subject to certain conditions.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಮುತ್ತೊಂದು ಐದು ವರ್ಷದ extension ಏಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರಿ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is not absolute. Even now, if we want, nothing prevents under the present agreement to have it cancelled. That is why it is not absolute. Subject to certain conditions that period has been extended.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಇದನ್ನು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುವ ವಿಚಾರವನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಪಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will examine the whole thing.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—With regard to Government's investment in the capital of this Company, may I know what is the number of shares held by them?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government have 45 per cent of the shares and the value of the amount invested is Rs. 1,43,750.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it 45 per cent of the shares issued or of the total share capital or authorised share capital or what?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want to verify and make a statement.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it a fact that the larger part of the Government's share in this concern consists of one-rupee shares on which the same dividend is payable as on ten-rupees shares?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice to answer that question.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Will the Government examine the position of the investment made by them in his Company with a view to take it over for nationalisation or merger with the Road Transport Authority?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, Sir, I will examine that.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the fares of the Bangalore Transport Company are higher than what is prevailing in other places?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—A little higher.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Will the Government advise the Company to reduce the fares?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will request them.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government aware of the inconveniences created during peak hours in travelling in these buses?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There are certain inconveniences felt by the public and I am seeing such expressions off and on in the Press.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—Are the Government aware of the judgment of the Supreme Court holding that nationalisation of road transport is illegal?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have read it in the papers. I am quite sure that that does not apply to this.

Middle Class Economic Condition (Survey).

Q.—177. Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the economic condition of the middle classes of the State has been deteriorating;

(*b*) whether they have conducted any survey in this matter;

(*c*) the steps that they are going to take to improve the earnings of the middle class people?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) It is a matter of opinion.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Five-Year Plan and other developmental activities are calculated to increase the economic and living standards of the people.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Do not the figures of the unemployed educated classes disclose that their condition is deteriorating ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Their condition is not deteriorating.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Do not the educated classes come mostly from the middle class ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not share that view.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Has not the cost of living of the middle class increased ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—For the last several months, it is not going up. On the other hand, it is going down.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—In general, I am asking ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, I am also replying in general.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Regarding the answer to (*b*), do not the Government consider it desirable to conduct a survey ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Not practicable.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Have not the middle class people been the backbone of the society from time immemorial ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—So many people are being said to be the backbone and it is difficult for me to determine who is the backbone.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Is it the idea of the Government to liquidate the middle class ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not a proper supplementary.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Has not the Planning Commission suggested that it is desirable to conduct such a survey ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—If the Commission takes up the survey, the State Governments are bound to help them in that work.

State's Second Five-Year Plan.

Q.—411. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) steps taken by the State Government to prepare the Second Five-Year Plan ;

(*b*) the nature and scope of the plan ;

(*c*) the various works included in the plan ;

(*d*) the cost of the plan (district-wise details may be given) ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The Heads of Development Departments have been requested to formulate schemes for the Second Five-Year Plan and to send them.

(*b*) Proposals in this behalf are yet to be finalised.

(*c*) *Vide* reply to sub-question (*b*).

(*d*) This can be estimated only after finalised proposals are ready.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Have the Heads of Departments sent the proposals ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—They have not.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the probable estimate of all the proposals ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have replied that it is not possible now to give the final figures.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has the Second Five-Year Plan more industrial bias than agricultural bias ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is that planning from the bottom or from the top ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—From both.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will it lay more emphasis on village planning, town planning and district planning than on State planning ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is all-round planning.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Have the Government included plans for solving the unemployment problem ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—In fact the whole plan is meant to give employment.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Does it contain any plan for prevention of recurring famine in the scarcity areas of the State ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.